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SUBJ: CIVAIR: GARUDA'S PLANS FOR US SERVICE

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1. EMBOFF APRIL 7 QUERIED DIRECTOR AIR TRAFFIC RISAKOTTA ON GARUDA'S REPORTED PLANS FOR US SERVICE, MAKING POINTS PARA 1 REFTEL. RISAKOTTA SEEMED TAKEN ABACK (BECAUSE OF HIS FREQUENT OVERSEAS ABSENCES, GARUDA PRESS STORY MAY WELL NOT HAVE COME TO HIS ATTENTION). AFTER SOME HESITATION HE COMMENTED, "GARUDA IS JUST DREAMING OUT LOUD." NEVERTHELESS, HE INDICATED GOI WOULD AT SOME POINT REQUEST FORMAL CONSULTATIONS UNDER BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. ASKED IF PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE TO AMEND AGREEMENT SO AS TO OBTAIN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES FOR GAURDA, HE SAID HE PERSONALLY DID NOT FAVOR LOS ANGELES. GOI JST THOUGHT CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE GOOD IDEA, SINCE WE HAD HAD AGREEMENT FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND IT WAS TIME WE SAT DOWN, TOOK STOCK AND TALKED THINGS OVER. HE WAS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT TIMING OR PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS.

2. GOI AND GARUDA HAVE HAD CONSULTATIONS IN MIND FOR CONSIDERABLE TIME, FOR REASONS OUTLINED REF B, BUT APPEAR TO HAVE MADE LITTLE IF ANY PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING
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AND COORDINATING A POSITION, AND IN FACT MAY NOT BE ANY

CLOSER TO REQUESTING CONSULTATIONS THAN THEY WERE
LAST SUMMER. LOCAL PAN AM REP JOHNSON AGREES WITH THIS
ASSESSMENT. HE THINKS THERE IS GOOD CHANCE, HOWEVER,
THAT IF AND WHEN GARUDA REQUESTS US ROUTE, IT WILL
BE ONE NOT INCLUDED IN ROUTE SCHEDULE IN AGREEMENT--SELECTED
WITH A VIEW TO OPENING UP AGREEMENT FOR REVISION.

3. COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER SALIM, IN MORE RECENT
REMARKS TO PRESS ON GARUDA'S EXPANSION PLANS, DID
NOT MENTION US ROUTE.

4. WE RELAYED INFO PARA 2 REFTEL A TO RISAKOTTA, WHO
THANKED US. WE HAVE WRITTEN HIM LETTER TO CONFIRM
CONVERSATION, AND ASKED HIM TO PASS INFO TO GARUDA.
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